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COUNTRY: CHILE  
SUBJ: PINOCHET SPEECH CRITICIZING NEW PUBLIC SECURITY  
COORDINATION COUNCIL AND PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL  
REFORMS  
DOI: 2 MAY 1991

TEXT: 1. DURING A 2 MAY LUNCHEON HOSTED BY CHILEAN ARMY  
COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND FORMER PRESIDENT AUGUSTO ((PINOCHET))  
UGARTE FOR THE EX-MINISTERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT, PINOCHET  
DELIVERED A SPEECH SHARPLY ATTACKING THE RECENTLY-FORMED  
PUBLIC SECURITY COORDINATION COUNCIL. PINOCHET DECLARED THIS  
NEW ORGANIZATION WOULD BE COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE AND SAID  
ITS PRESENT DIRECTOR MARIO ((FERNANDEZ)) HAS DEMONSTRATED A  
TOTAL IGNORANCE OF COUNTERTERRORISM. PINOCHET PREDICTED  
TERRORISM WILL CONTINUE AND WILL DESTROY THE CONFIDENCE OF  
CHILEAN SOCIETY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED STRONG OPPOSITION TO  
CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT. THESE  
REFORMS INCLUDE CHANGES IN THE ORGANIC LAW OF THE ARMED FORCES,  
CHANGES IN THE LAWS GOVERNING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND THE  
LOWERING OF THE LEGISLATIVE QUORUM NECESSARY FOR CONSITITUTIONAL  
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2. DURING THE LUNCHEON, EX-MINISTER CARLOS ((CACERES)) GAVE A SPEECH IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED LOYALTY AND SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF THE EX-MINISTERS PRESENT. HE ASSURED PINOCHET THEY WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE ANY CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION. CACERES ALSO SAID PINOCHET'S PROPOSED TRIP ABROAD WILL HAVE POSITIVE EFFECTS FOR THE MILITARY, THE POLITICAL RIGHT, AND THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE.

3. [REDACTED] THERE WAS STRONG CRITICISM BY THE EX-MINISTERS OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC POLICIES, PRESIDENT PATRICIO ((AYLWIN))'S POOR LEADERSHIP, AND THE POOR QUALITY OF HIS POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SECURITY, AND DEFENSE ADVISORS. SEVERAL EX-MINISTERS, NOTABLY CACERES AND SERGIO ((DE CASTRO)), EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WORKING WITH OR JOINING THE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC UNION PARTY (UDI). [REDACTED]

COMMENT: WHILE THIS INTEREST IN PART STEMS FROM SYMPATHY FOR THE TERRORIST MURDER OF UDI SENATOR JAIME ((GUZMAN)), IT IS MAINLY DUE TO A GROWING PERCEPTION THAT UDI IS THE IDEOLOGICAL SUCCESSOR TO, AND PROTECTS THE INTERESTS OF, THE FORMER MILITARY REGIME.)

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THIS LUNCHEON WAS ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 120 PERSONS, REPRESENTING ALMOST ALL THE EX-MINISTERS OF THE PINOCHET PERIOD. PINOCHET SAID HE HOPES TO MAKE THE GATHERING AN ANNUAL EVENT.)

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